

THE FISCAL YEAR IN PETERSBURG

The City Council Makes An App-
riation.

THE TAX RATE ONE SIXTY.

Estimated Receipts More Than Ex-
penditures—A Grocery Store Des-
troyed by Fire—Crates and Berry
Basket Factory Rebuilding.

PETERSBURG, VA., July 3.—Special.—The Council adopted an ordinance, ap-
propriating \$12,500 for the running of
the various departments of the city gov-
ernment for the present fiscal year. The
estimated revenue to the city for the
same period is \$20,442.

The tax rate was fixed at \$1.00 on the
\$100 value.

FIRES.

During the past fiscal year there was
one fire in Petersburg, the loss by which
was \$2,324.

Captain W. S. McCance was this evening
elected president of the Board of Overseers
of the Poor, and Dr. E. D. McIlwaine,
physician to the almshouse.

The amount of city taxes collected during
the past year was, as shown by the report
of the collector of city taxes to the Com-
mon Council to-night, was \$18,000, inestim-
ated taxes, \$17,250; delinquent taxes col-
lected, \$2,250.

Mr. John J. Harrington of this city, has
purchased privately the Malibank farm,
in Prince George county. The price paid
was about \$200.

The crates and berry-baskets factory of
the Southside Manufacturing Company,
which was partially destroyed by fire a
few days ago, is being rebuilt.

There will be no formal celebration of
the Fourth of July in Petersburg; numer-
ous picnics and fishing parties, however,
will have been held.

SECRETARY RESIGNS.

Mr. G. H. Pease, who for some
months has been the efficient general sec-
retary of the Young Men's Christian As-
sociation of this city, and who recently
resigned that position, his resignation to
take effect July 1, was accepted yesterday
morning by Richmond College, where he
goes to study for the Methodist ministry.

Mr. H. P. Bedford, the assistant secre-
tary, will discharge his duties until the
arrival of Mr. A. C. Sherrill, from Mem-
phis, Tenn., who will succeed Mr. Pease
as general secretary of the association.

Mr. Sherrill will enter on his duties here
on July 1st.

The United States Internal Revenue esti-
mation at the office in this city for the
month of June amounted to \$30,677.75.
The sum of war documentary stamps
from June 1st to July 1, 1899, amounted
to \$10,000.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY.

Rev. J. D. Harro, pastor of the Second
Methodist Church of this city, closed
the first year of his pastorate of this church
yesterday, when he held a meeting and
chancery sermon to a large congregation.

During the past year the congregation
has paid \$700 on the interest and principal
of the church debt, and all current
expenses have been met.

During the past year sixty-five members
have been received into the church, and the
congregation has been larger than
at any time in the history of the church.

Some time ago the Mayor called the
Major this morning to answer the charge
of carrying a concealed pistol and at-
tempting to shoot Police Officer Bragg.

The Major and his attorney counsels are
said to be the best known for some
time.

MR. TUCKER DOCTOR OF LAWS.

New Scholarships—New Officers Take
Charge.

LEXINGTON, VA., July 3.—Special.—
Hon. H. S. George Tucker, dean of the
Law School of Washington and Lee University,
has received information that the
University of Mississippi at Oxford has
conferred upon him the honorary degree
of Doctor of Laws.

Several more law scholarships have been
added to the already large number con-
ferred by Washington and Lee University
upon deserving young men. The
University authorities announce that an
alumni association may be organized in
each of the six ministerial districts of
Rockbridge, provided as many as seven
members meet and elect officers and hold
one meeting a year. To this association
thus formed will be given the privilege
of electing some worthy young men who
shall attend the University without paying
the usual fees. After this year the award
will be made on the result of its competi-
tive examination.

New officers took up the reins of govern-
ment in Lexington and Rockbridge county
yesterday—July 1st. The following
county officers (all Democrats), had no
opposition at the election: Sheriff, Sheriff
A. Sterrett; Commonwealth's Attorney,
Robert Cattell; County Court Clerk, A.
Terry Shubert; Circuit Court Clerk, Robert
R. Witt; and Treasurer, Samuel R. Moore.

The officers of the Lexington district
are: Supervisor, John P. Welsh; Magis-
trates, James M. Beeson, William A.
Hale, and John W. Ladd; Sheriff, J. W.
Ladd; and Auditor, J. W. Moore.

A. Sterrett, overseer of the Poor,
John L. Henderson; Commissioner of the
Revenue, Andrew W. Varned.

In the town offices we have Mayor,
James D. Anderson, for many years
county treasurer; and Councilmen—Paul
M. Penick, Dr. Bent White, James E.
Hock, George W. Gifford, J. Mc-
Adair and J. W. Moore.

Mr. H. D. Leech, who is a teacher in
the McDonough School, Mrs. was married
last week to Baltimore to Miss Florence
L. Clark, who is now visiting Mr.
Leech's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. F.
Leach, of near Lexington.

SPARKS FROM A THRESHING

Caused a Disastrous Fire at Spotsylvania, Va., Yester. Day.

FREDERICKSBURG, VA., July 2.—
Special—Sparks from the engine of a
threshing machine caused a fire to-day
in the Atlantic Coast Line, ten miles
from this city, which destroyed property
amounting to \$100,000.

Mr. Thomas J. Harris was having his
when it started and the engine was lo-
cated in a field back of his store. The
blaze was very small when first discovered
in the store building, but it made
such rapid headway that all efforts to
check it were unsuccessful. The store
was consumed together with all of
its furniture.

A large grist-mill belonging to Mr.
Harris next ignited and the fire continued
its work to the residence of Mr.
W. Knighton and the large brick Chris-
tian church known as "Bera," built in
1865 and connected with many historic
incidents of the civil war, both of which
were destroyed. The roof of the Chris-
tian church and other buildings caught
several times, but the flames were ex-
tinguished promptly by the large crowd
present, it being court day. The historic

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WILSON SETTLES A CONTROVERSY

He Disposes of the Troubles of Amer-
icans and Cubans.

CUBANS APPROVE HIS ACTION

They Are Not Used to Seeing Diffi-
culties Between Civilians and Military
Partisans Adjusted in the
Civil Courts.

HAVANA, July 3.—What promised to
be a very embarrassing question—the con-
trovery growing out of the recent col-
lision between Americans and Cubans at
Cienfuegos—is now in a fair way to be
settled satisfactorily to the Cubans, owing
to their cousins at Doros, Va.

A marriage license was granted in the
Hastings Court Saturday to Thomas P.
Ayres and F. Griffin.

Mr. Charles Bolton, private secretary
to Mr. George W. Stevens, left yesterday
for Buchanan with his family.

Mrs. Jenny Jackson, of Charleston, S.
C., is at the Mount Vernon, the guest of
Mrs. Hunter.

Mrs. Charles T. Norman, Master Charles
Arden Norman and nurse are spending
the summer in the Virginia mountains.

Nannie, the infant daughter of Mr. and
Mrs. Bill Montague, died at 4 o'clock
Sunday morning. The funeral took place
from the residence 108 Park avenue, at
6 o'clock yesterday evening.

Mr. J. W. Elliott, ex-secretary of Floyd
County, Mr. C. W. Wilson, of Shen-
andoah county, were at the State Library
building yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Granowski, of
Cincinnati, are in the city, guests of their
parents, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin H. Berry,
405 east Grace street.

A regular meeting of the Board of Man-
agers of the Homoeopathic Dispensary
will be held to-day at 1:30 P. M.
at the dispensary.

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fillment of a little promise which will re-
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and perhaps unavoidable, the severe
punishment of the guilty will serve as an
effective warning to others.

Mr. W. G. Neal and children, Lucile
and Felicia, are spending the summer
with Mrs. Neal's parents, Mr. and Mrs.
Nelson, at Galipeper, Va.

Miss Tyler, Miss Sue Tyler and Mr.
Hal Tyler left yesterday to join the Gov-
ernor and Mrs. Tyler at East Rutherford.
They do not expect to return to the city
before September.

Miss Lora Chapman, who has been quite
ill at the Virginia Hospital for several
weeks, and who recently underwent an
operation for appendicitis, is now en-
tirely out of danger.

Under an ordinance of the city 5 per
cent interest was added to all debts
yesterday which have not been paid in
full in part. A large number of
traders will profit by the addition
to be added will prove to be a fruitful
source of income to the city.

Miss Daisy Miller, daughter of Mrs. A.
L. Miller, and the late Captain H. T. Miller,
was the recipient of more honors
from St. Joseph's Academy than had ever
been conferred upon her in its history.
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The successor of General Mease as
chief of police, is causing much specula-
tion. At least three prominent candidates
are in the field. General Cardenas has
probably the best chance if merit alone
is considered. General Rodriguez, back-
ed by Gomez, is considered a dangerous
opponent, while General Castillo's friends
claim he is certain of appointment. The
final claims are being considered.

A SCHEME ABANDONED.

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the alleged plot for establishing a
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